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## Special Day for Residents in Northwestern Lake County to Enroll in Health Insurance

Enroll Lake County! has scheduled a special day in northwestern Lake County for residents to enroll in health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. On Saturday, February 15, certified navigators will be available to answer questions and enroll residents from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Antioch Library, 757 Main Street and the United Methodist Church of Antioch at 848 Main Street in Antioch. Walk-in appointments will be available, but appointments are preferred, and can be made by calling: (847) 377-4999.

Spearheaded by the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center in partnership with The Alliance for Human Services, *Enroll Lake County!* is the initiative working to educate and enroll Lake County residents in health care under the Affordable Care Act. Nearly 80 specially trained and certified counselors, called navigators, are available at 28 sites throughout Lake County to assist, answer questions and work with residents to enroll for health insurance. Their services are completely free. Since October, *Enroll Lake County!* navigators have educated more than 10,000 individuals and helped more than 3,000 complete applications.

Under the Affordable Care Act, thousands of Illinoisans who were previously unable to get insurance can now get covered. Individuals and families have until March 31, 2014 to enroll in a Marketplace health plan. There is no end date for Medicaid enrollment and navigators will remain available to assist people to enroll in Medicaid coverage beyond March 31.

There are several ways for Illinois residents to enroll for health insurance:

- Visit <u>GetCoveredIllinois.gov</u>
- Call *Enroll Lake County!* at: 847-377-4999 for assistance or to schedule an appointment with a local navigator at no charge
- Call the Get Covered Illinois Help Desk at 866-311-1119

For information about other *Enroll Lake County!* community events and enrollment site locations, visit: EnrollLakeCounty.com or GetcoveredIllinois.gov/events.

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